

The next meeting is to be held in Alton, for which the following programme was arranged.—Preacher, Rev. F. H. Marling; Essayist, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson; Written Sermon, Rev. T. M. Reikie; Review, Rev. B. W. Day; Exposition, Rev. R. Robinson. Text for plan by all the brethren, Rev. ii. 17: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he which receiveth it."

D. MACALLUM,
Secretary.

KINGSTON.—CHRISTMAS TREE.—Yesterday, at 4 o'clock, the Sabbath scholars of the Congregational Church were gathered in the basement to witness a large and pretty Christmas Tree, loaded with every variety of toys and useful articles suited for boys and girls, and illuminated by numerous candles and lamps, the gift, we understand, of Mr. Geo. S. Fenwick. There was also a number of the children's parents and friends present. After the scholars had sung two or three of their favourite hymns, Mr. Geo. S. Fenwick gave a short address to the children, in which he said he was pleased to see so many happy faces and eager looks in a certain direction. He would have wished the articles upon the tree had been of more value, but he hoped they would accept them as a token of his regard and the interest he took in their welfare, and concluded by wishing them all "a Merry Christmas." The articles were then distributed by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick and Mr. Geo. S. Fenwick, each scholar receiving the article upon which was written his name, not one being missed; and were afterwards presented each with an apple. The singing of another hymn closed what was without doubt one of the happiest scenes in Kingston upon the Christmas Day of 1871.—*Daily News*, Dec. 26.

BROCKVILLE.—The new pastor writes as follows:—

"We have come to be somewhat settled now here in Brockville. Our new home is seeming more like home to us. The early part of winter has been severe, and

particularly so to us, after a stay of over twelve years near the southern tropic. Still, having passed without positive hurt, through the late sharp time of cold, we hope to be carried safely through the entire winter.

"Since moving into our new abode, we have had several agreeable visits, from a certain celebrity known to children under the name of Santa Claus: and, last week we had a visit of an equally surprising, and to us more novel kind. This visit was nothing less than an incursion—not of barbarians indeed, but of pleasant and worthy people, members of my church and congregation, to the number of about forty, who soon made themselves at home in different parts of the house. Tea and other refreshments being presented by our visitors, and partaken of freely by all, the company gave themselves to reading, singing, speaking of kind words and prayer. These exercises being over, the gathering dispersed, leaving as memorials of their visit, sundry articles in the line of provisions, groceries, apparel, furnishings, and money. It was pleasant thus to meet so many of those for whom we have begun to labour and pray. May the good Lord 'surprise' them all with his blessings.

JAMES HAY."

LONDON.—Our correspondent writes:—The interval between Mr. Wallace's departure for Montreal in September, and the Christmas vacation, was bridged over very comfortably. We have enjoyed the ministrations of many local pastors and some of the leading ministers of our own body. Mr. Wallace, after spending three Sabbaths in London, left for Montreal on the 8th of January, to complete his collegiate course. It is understood that the ordination will take place in May. We were sorry to learn that Mr. Wallace had been several weeks sick, but it is hoped that he is now fully recovered. Besides preaching six sermons in the city, and delivering an address at Methodist New Connexion S. S. Anniversary, Mr. Wallace distributed the Christmas Tree in our own Sabbath School, and presided at a "Social," in the lecture-room, on the 3rd January, under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement Society. The opening, or